

Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Gateway Arch was designed by architect Eero Saarinen in 1947; construction began on February 12, 1963, and was completed on October 28, 1965 at a cost of \$13 million; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 1965, the Mayor of St. Louis, A.J. Cervantes, hosted a ceremony near the west bank of the mighty Mississippi River with local and national media, along with more than ten thousand attendees, to announce to the region – and to the world – that the exterior of the iconic St. Louis Gateway Arch was completed and work would start on the interior; and

WHEREAS, the 630-foot St. Louis Gateway Arch has foundations that are sunk 60 feet into the ground, and its frame of stressed stainless steel is built to withstand both earthquakes and high winds; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Gateway Arch has an internal tram system that takes visitors to the top, where on a clear day, they can see up to 30 miles across the Mississippi and to the Great Plains to the west; and

WHEREAS, today, some 4 million people visit the park each year to wander its nearly 100 acres, soak up history and take in the breathtaking views from the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

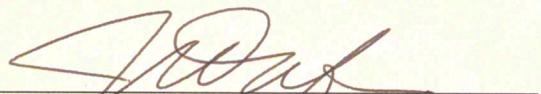
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby recognize and celebrate the

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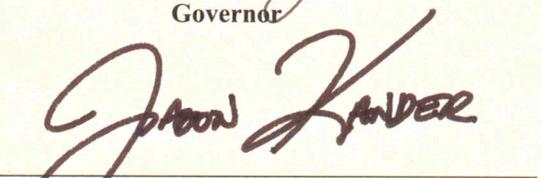
THE ST. LOUIS GATEWAY ARCH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 27th day of October, 2015.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State